



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 28 March	Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April	Sat 2/ Sun 3 April
Easter Monday Public Holiday		K-2 Assembly — KC IPSHA Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser (3-6)		K-2 Fundraiser: Pyjama Day	IPSHA Cross Country at King's School
Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April	Sat 9/ Sun 10 April
3-6 Assembly — 5K		K-2 General Assembly Winter Sport Trials 3 ELC Incursion — Peter Morgan 10.30am	ELC Incursion — Peter Morgan 10.30am	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>	Rugby Carnival @ Armidale

## The Easter Message

Sad events around the world this week, such as the Belgium bombings, once again remind us that the world, as well as being a place of great wonderment and beauty, can also be a place of great sadness and trouble. Human beings, capable of such acts of greatness and love, can also be capable of cruelty and evil. When confronted with this contradiction at the heart of humanity, I am reminded of the forces of both good and evil that are expressed through the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus, when confronted with evil and injustice, submitted himself to punishment and death in order to fulfil God's redemptive plan. But on the third day, he rose again from the grave, accomplishing the ultimate victory over evil and invited all to follow him.

As we approach Easter, we have been focusing upon the events that led up to Jesus' death and resurrection in Christian Studies and Chapel. At our special Easter Assembly in K, 1, 2 on Wednesday, special visitors, Bruce the Camel and the School Chaplain Mr Dudley, reflected on the "roller coaster ride" of Easter with the sadness of Good Friday, contrasting to the joy of Easter Sunday. He also helped us to understand that Easter is more than holidays and Easter eggs, even though these are fun as well.

Easter is a wonderful time to rest and reflect. I hope all families in our Shore Preparatory School community can take the time to reflect once more on the Easter story this year. I also hope families can enjoy a restful break over the long weekend and return ready to tackle the final two weeks of Term 1.

## Library News

I am very pleased to inform you that the Preparatory School Library has been listed as one of the top school libraries in Australia, by ALIA, the Australian Library and Information Association. You can find out more about the Great School Libraries Honours List from the website below:

<https://fair.alia.org.au/australias-great-school-libraries-honours-list>

In other reading news, Mrs Pickworth last week took two teams of Year 6 boys to compete in the regional finals of the annual Kids Lit reading competition. This competition is held each year in a number of countries around the world and it tests the contestants' knowledge of books. This is the first year Shore Preparatory School has entered teams and I am pleased to note that in a very large and challenging field, the Shore teams placed fourth and seventeenth. Congratulations boys and to Mrs Pickworth who trained and supervised the team. You can read Mrs Pickworth's full report later in this Prep Peek.

## Well Done Fraser

Congratulations to Fraser Pandit (3P) who competed at the CIS Swimming Carnival this week. Fraser was the only Shore Prep representative who made it through to this level of school swimming and I was thrilled to see the news that he won his event, the 8 Years 50m Freestyle. Fraser will now compete at the next level of competition, the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival.

## Northern Beaches Bus

Some Preparatory School boys catch the 763 bus each afternoon to the Northern Beaches. This bus departs from Miller Street. This term, some families have noted that this bus is leaving late requiring boys to wait at the bus stop for extended periods of time. Families may wish to make enquiries with Sydney Buses about whether alterations to the timetable are possible for this service. If this issue impacts your family and you would like to investigate this possibility, please inform the Prep Office.

*Nick Saunders*  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Penmanship, Determination and 'The Struggle'

At our Assembly this week I showed the boys a video of the world's youngest Master Penman Jake Weidmann. Weidmann is one of only 12 recognised Master Penman in the world and the youngest by 30 years. His work is awe inspiring and full of beauty. To those who say he makes it look so easy he responds, "You weren't there at 4.30 in the morning when I was slaving away. You haven't been there for the struggle." I asked the boys to commit to one area they want to improve and to think specifically about what it would take to develop their skills. Jake spoke about redoing work and spending weeks, months and up to a year on a single piece. His determination and tenacity is something I hope the boys are able to emulate. The video I showed and more about Jake and his work can be found at:

<https://www.jakeweidmann.com/>

## Cocktail Party

It was a pleasure to gather with so many members of the North Sydney Prep last Friday night. Special thanks go to Kate Bain and Mary Campbell for their enormous contribution in organising the evening. Thank you to all who attended, for your support of our Prep community.

## Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday was a great success. All boys in Years 3 to 6 participated in the endurance race and there was a great sense of spirit and camaraderie amongst the boys. Well done to all boys and especially those who achieved their goals for the race. Congratulations to those who have been selected to represent Shore at the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival at the King's School on 2 April.

## Winter Sport Trials

There was great enthusiasm on display at our first trials for rugby and football last Wednesday. These will continue over following Wednesday sport sessions until Saturday games commence on 30 April.

## Code Camp

Some places are still available for Code Camp at Shore Prep North Sydney campus during the school holidays from 18-21 April. The cost of the four day camp will be \$390. You can register for the camp at [www.codecamp.com.au](http://www.codecamp.com.au). Shore will have Prep staff members at the camp working alongside the boys and the Code Camp team

## Commencement of Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 26 April. All boys should return to school on the first day of term with an appropriate haircut. Boys are expected to be dressed in their winter uniform for the duration of Terms 2 and 3 which includes wearing grey shirt and pants. There are certain winter uniform rules that need to be observed:

- All boys must wear their school coats when travelling to and from school.
- Boys are not permitted to wear a jumper or vest without a coat when travelling to and from school. If a boy is wearing a school jumper or vest this must be worn under the coat. While at school boys are permitted to wear their jumpers or vest without their coats.

## After School Clubs

All After School Clubs have one session remaining. Tuesday clubs will have their final session on March 29, Thursday clubs on March 31 and Monday clubs will have their final session on April 4. Enrolment forms for Term 2 will be distributed before the end of the term. Please note that clubs do not run in the first week of term. Please pay careful attention to the start and finish dates of each club.

## Polished Pennies

The Polished Pennies Service for Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 29 April at 9am in the Chapel. It is a lovely tradition at the School that many grandparents join their grandsons in commemorating the service and sacrifice of men and women in the military. Boys may like to take the opportunity over the next few weeks to invite their grandparents.

## Quality Class Award & House Points

The Quality Class Award for this week went to the boys in 6R with 3P a close second. We have two more weeks of collecting points before our Term 1 BBQ winners are announced on the final day of the term. Keep up the hard work boys! Well done also to the boys in Linton for being our House Points winners this week.

*Adam Larby*

*Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney*

## Music

Congratulations to Toby Brandon- Cooper for his excellent solo performance during Monday's assembly. Toby played the delightful 'Shaken Not Stirred' on saxophone. As well as the Concert Band, Toby also plays saxophone in the Jazz Band.

*David Jensen*

*Prep Music Coordinator*

## Library

Last Friday eight Year 6 boys were the first Shore Prep boys to enter the Kids Lit Quiz competition. This is an international competition held in Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom and South Africa. We competed in the NSW Championships which were held at Cerdon College in Merrylands.

The Quizmaster, Mr Wane Mills, asked a range of questions about children's literature. The questions were divided up into categories such as Comic Characters, Roald Dahl, Dogs and even Furniture.

Both of our Shore teams worked very well together and were very competitive. The White team of Nicholas Griffiths, Robert Davie, Julian Berger and James de Kock scored 68, coming fourth. The Blue Team made up of Henry Oxenham, Angus Howard, Tom Marshall, and Henry Walker was unable to score a place in the top ten, however coming 17th in a highly contested field. Baxter Howard had trained hard with the team, but was unable to compete on the day.

Overall it was a great effort as it was our first time entering the competition. We all really enjoyed the day and our thanks go to the drivers Mr Berger and Mrs Griffiths and our coach Mrs Pickworth.

*Margo Pickworth*

*Teacher Librarian*

## ISDA Debating – Rounds 4 & 5

Round 4 of the ISDA Debating was held at Shore with the topic being 'That technology is ruining face to face friendships'. This sparked lively and interesting arguments against the Stella Maris/St Martin's teams. The A team was awarded a win while the B team was narrowly defeated. For Round 5 of the season, our teams walked to St Aloysius' School to take part in the debate 'That cats make better pets than dogs'. Our B team won their debate while the A's were defeated by some very clever, spontaneous rebuttals presented by the St Aloysius team.

Each week, it is obvious how much our Prep teams are learning about the skill of debating and how well they are applying this knowledge to ever-increasing levels of challenge. Congratulations to our dedicated band of boys.

*Di Johnson*

*Prep Debating Co-ordinator*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Head Lice

The warm and humid weather has brought out head lice again. Thank you to the parents who have phoned to let us know their child has had a case. Please check your child's hair this weekend. As per the school policy, we do not allow children to share hats nor do we lend spare hats. Another must is for all girls' hair to be tied up and for boys' hair to be kept short. Please remember that the treatment for head lice is not effective unless the second dose is administered one week after the first.

### After School Activities

Next week will be the final week for After School Activities for this term, unless you have been advised about a make-up class. Please remember that your child has been booked in for the semester, which incorporates both Terms 1 and 2. These activities recommence in the second week of Term 2. After School Care will continue each school day as normal.

### Jumpers

As the mornings are becoming cooler, may I remind you that the girls and boys are **not** to come to school wearing their jumpers without their jacket over the top. Jackets may be worn to school, then removed and jumpers put on. Please encourage your child to adhere to the school's uniform policy.

### Assemblies

Thank you to our special helpers from K,1,2 for presenting our Easter Assembly on Wednesday. Mr Dudley reminded us of the significance of Easter. Bruce was also a hit. Thank you also to our two dazzling angels, Mr Ward and Mr Bruce. Next week, we look forward to **KC's** first assembly. Parents of KC children are very welcome to visit the class at the conclusion of the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 2C** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Congratulations also to **KC** on being awarded **Chapel Money Champions of the Week**. Well done.

### Happy Easter

I hope that families who were able to attend the Northbridge Easter Assembly on Wednesday enjoyed the opportunity to reflect with the girls and boys on the significance of Easter. I wish all families a very Happy Easter.

*"Jesus is not here. He has risen!" Luke 24:6*

### Ensemble Open Rehearsal

A reminder the String Ensemble will be holding an Open Rehearsal on Wednesday, 31 August in the K,1,2 Music Room. Parents and friends are welcome to attend from 3.00pm. The group will not meet again this term and will reconvene in Week 1 of Term 2.

### Other information

**Thursday, 31 March** – Year 2 Excursion to Flat Rock Gully

**Friday, 1 April** – Pyjama Day and Walk-a-thon

**Friday, 8 April** – Last day of term

**Tuesday, 26 April** – First day of Term 2

*Natasha Mitchell*  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## **ELC News**

### **Sydney's Child Magazine**

Each month we receive a delivery of Sydney's Child Magazine which is a valuable resource for families with young children. Each month the publication includes great feature articles, information regarding 'what's on' in Sydney, as well as other relevant information about activities for young children, specialist services and so on. If you would like a copy of the Sydney's Child magazine please help yourself to a copy from the ELC foyer.

### **Bee Movie**

As the children in the Green Room continue their explorations around what pet to get, the idea of keeping bees was proposed. This suggestion sparked a series of discussions and further investigation about bees, pollination, plant growth, food and what our natural environment might be like if we captured bees for pets. To support these conversations further the Green Room are going to watch *Bee Movie* on Tuesday 29 March and Thursday 31 March. If you would like to join in for this special screening please speak with Miss Helen.

### **Green Thumbs**

With an ongoing interest in gardening, the Blue Room have continued to show great care for the dinosaur garden over this term. The boys and girls have been involved in each step of the process, as they prepared the garden beds, decided on what seeds to plant and regularly watered the seeds. There has also been lively discussion around how they can use the morning and afternoon tea food scraps to create more compost and more worm castings to feed the growing plants. We now wait in anticipation for the cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, kale, watermelon and rockmelon to grow.

### **Easter**

Over the last weeks the boys and girls have been learning about Easter through conversations, our weekly Chapel experience and through books that Mrs Reynolds kindly loaned us from the library. This week, with Easter already upon us, we decided to do our very own Easter Egg hunt in the Dinosaur Garden. I am sure you can imagine the excitement from all of the boys and girls as they headed into the garden to hunt around through the plants, dinosaurs and pathways to find a small plastic egg. As they cracked the egg open they were delighted to see a small fluffy chick tucked inside.

Throughout the week, I have enjoyed many conversations with children and families about plans over Easter. As you head into the long weekend, whether you are staying in Sydney or heading away, I wish you all a very safe and Happy Easter.

### **Important Dates**

**Friday 25 March** – ELC closed Good Friday

**Monday 28 March** – ELC closed Easter Monday

**Wednesday 30 March** – ELC mufti day and walkathon around the oval

**Friday 1 April** - ELC mufti day and walkathon around the oval

**Rebecca Schollum**  
**Director - ELC**



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# Games

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## Sport

### NSW CIS Swimming

Congratulations to Fraser Pandit who competed at the IPSHA Swimming Championships in the Under 8, 50m freestyle competition on Tuesday. Fraser won his heat and won the final. He has been selected to represent NSW CIS at the NSW PSSA Swimming championships. A tremendous effort, Fraser!

### Calling for Football Referees.

If your son is in a football team this year and you would be happy to help referee a few football games, can you please contact me via the School Office on 9956 1183.

### Shore Cross Country Results

AGE Group	Champion	Runner Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Under 8	Fraser Pandit	Lachlan Balding	Tom Robson	Samuel Walker
Under 9	Charlie Mattison	Oliver Harvey	Hugh Gluskie	Ted Coakley
Under 10	Lachlan Brown	Clyde Hossack	Jack Ingham	William Ellis
Under 11	James Kase	Ryan McHugh	Tom Stokeld	Darcy Davies
Under 12	Joshua Banks	Charlie Wilson	Luke Guilda	Vaughan O'Shea

### Sydney FC Holiday Camp

Shore is pleased to inform you that Sydney FC will be running their Community holiday clinics at the school in the upcoming April school holiday period. The Sydney FC clinics are always very popular and it is a great opportunity for boys and girls in preparation for the new football season to further develop their love of football. There is also the added bonus of meeting Sydney FC A-League players during the 3 day clinics.

The Sydney FC Holiday Clinics are led by ex-Socceroo and Sydney FC player Paul Reid with assistance from the experienced coaching staff to improve the technical ability of all participants. Sydney FC's vision for the clinics is:

**"To provide an environment that builds confidence and encourages both boys and girls of all abilities to have fun playing football. We will promote the importance of respect and teamwork, whilst focusing on developing and improving their individual skills such as Striking the Ball, First Touch, 1 v 1 and Running/Dribbling with the Ball."**

Sydney FC will be running a number of clinics right across Sydney during the 2 weeks of the April school holidays. Details of the clinic at SHORE are below:

#### Sydney FC Holiday Clinic at SHORE

Location: SHORE War Memorial Playing Fields, corner of Alpha Rd & Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge

Date: Wednesday, 13th April to Friday, 15th April, 2016

Time: 9am-3pm

Age Group: 5-12 year old boys and girls

Price: \$295 (inc GST)

Inclusions: Sydney FC Puma training shirt, shorts and socks, Puma ball, the opportunity to meet Sydney FC players, plus a FREE 2016/17 Junior Blues Membership

To register your child and details of all of the Sydney FC clinics, [click here](#)

If you register two siblings, you will receive a 10% discount and anyone registering three or more children from the same family will receive a 15% discount. Sydney FC Members also receive 10% off their purchase\*

\*Please note that only one type of discount can be claimed per booking

Scott Mancey  
Sportmaster



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## Snow Sports 2016

The time is fast approaching for winter to blanket the Australian Alps with stunning snow. For those Shore families who enjoy skiing or snowboarding in Australia, Snow Sports offers our boys a fantastic opportunity to compete and hone their skills on the mountain in a fun, supportive and engaging way. Events include Alpine GS, Skier X and Moguls for the skiers and Snowboard GS and Boarder X for the snowboarders. The competition is run by Interschools New South Wales and the sport is offered as an additional winter sport to the normal sporting program of The School. Dates for the Sydney Regional Events are **13-16 July, 2016** and the event will be held at Perisher Valley. This is in the third week of the mid – year holidays. For Northbridge K – 2 Families, daughters are welcome and encouraged to participate and compete for Shore.

Please come to the **Info Night on Wednesday, 6 April at 6:30pm in the Playfair Hall** if you would like to learn more about this exciting sport!



## 2016 Snow Sports Live In Camp

For the first time, a group of Shore Boys will be participating in a live in camp, based at the beautiful Altitude Lodge in Smiggin Holes (<http://www.altitudelodge.com.au/accommodation/> ). The camp dates are (departing School on) Friday, 8 July @ 9am, arriving at the lodge in the afternoon, staying until Monday 11 July when the boys are to return to their parents in preparation for the Interschools Sydney Regionals. The camp has been organised to foster team spirit, focus attention on the techniques of racing and to have a great time as a team on and off the mountain, and offers parents the flexibility to send their sons down to the snow in advance, which may save on overall accommodation costs while allowing for training to take place.

Altitude Lodge is a First Class lodge, located at Smiggin Holes in the New South Wales Alps, just over from Perisher Valley. With an exceptional dining menu and modern, well appointed accommodation, our boys will hit the mountain for three days refreshed and ready for training in groups of up to six with a race instructor.

Spaces are filling up quickly so please don't delay if you are interested! For more information, contact Mr Payne on [wpayne@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wpayne@shore.nsw.edu.au) or come to the Info Night on 6 April at 6:30pm in the Playfair Hall.